



Suffolk County Child Support Enforcement Bureau

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Where is.....?? THE SUFFOLK COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

- **Location:** 3455 Veterans Memorial Highway, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
- **Mail:** P.O. Box 18030, Hauppauge, NY 11788
- **Lobby hours** M,T,Th,Fri - 8:15am - 3:00pm
- **Wednesdays** by appointment only



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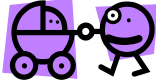
**Child Support Enforcement
Bureau..... Also known as**

SUPPORT COLLECTION UNIT
CSEB
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Goal

To ensure that legally responsible persons, to the best of their ability, contribute toward the support of their children.



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What is Child Support?

Support includes:

- support payments
- medical coverage and/or reimbursement of uncovered costs
- tuition
- day care costs
- other costs relating to needs of the children



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To Whom Does CSEB Provide Services?

Custodial parent (CP), guardian/caretaker residing in Suffolk County who is seeking child support for children under 21 from the non-custodial (absent) parent.

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To Whom Does CSEB Provide Services? (cont'd)

- Temporary Assistance (TA) recipient
- Not in receipt of TA
- DSS obo children who are placed in foster care

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Application Process

- A custodial parent receiving TA interoffice automatic referral by Client Benefits Division.
- A custodial parent not in receipt of TA contacts Intake Unit by phone (854-3183) or in person for interview
- Foster care cases referred by Family and Children's Services Division



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Services Provided

- Assistance in Establishment of paternity
- Location of non-custodial parent
- Assistance in Establishment of a support order
- Collection of support
- Enforcement of support order
- Modification of a support order

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Location Process

Identify and verify location of non-custodial parent when location is questionable or unknown.

Automated computer search linked to

Post Office	Social Security
Employers	Prison system
DMV	UIB
Military	Dept of Tax & Finance
IRS	Financial Institutions

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Establishment of Paternity

The process by which the biological parent of a child born out of wedlock is identified and adjudicated as the legal father.



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How is Paternity Established

- **Voluntary acknowledgment of paternity**
- **Petition requesting an Order of Filiation**

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Petition

Request for court to take action.

could be.....

- **Paternity petition**
- **Support petition**
- **Modification of an existing order**
- **Violation Petition**
- **Medical petition**

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What Happens Next?

- **The petition is sent to the Family Court General Clerk's Office to be placed on court calendar**
- **A summons is sent to the custodial and non-custodial parents**



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Family Court Date

- **Parties appear in front of the Support Magistrate**
- **If paternity is an issue, this is addressed first**
If the putative father does not deny, paternity is legally established



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Family Court Date (cont'd)

If putative father denies paternity:

- DNA tests ordered
- Parties return at a later date for results
 - Results conclude putative father is the biological father
 - no further denial, paternity is established and support addressed
 - denial continues, hearing scheduled before Family Court Judge for determination

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Family Court Date (cont'd)

CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION:

Support order is entered based on the NYS Guidelines of the Child Support Standards Act (CSSA). Non-custodial parent pays:

- one child 17%
- two children 25%
- three children 29%
- four children 31%
- five or more children 35%



(non cust adj gross income)

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CSSA Example (support for one child)

Non-custodial adj gross \$360 wkly

Custodial parent adj gross

\$500 wkly

Total adj gross \$860 wkly

Non-custodial pro rata share of total adj gross income is 42%

Non-custodial must pay 17% of 42% of \$860 (or 17% of \$360) = \$61 wkly

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After Court Interview

Custodial and non-custodial parent are individually advised of:

- provisions of support order
- payment information
- services provided by CSEB
- how to file objection to or a modification of a support order
- who to contact with questions

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Collection of Support

- Court information entered into CSEB computer system
- NYS Office of Child Support central collection facility in Albany collects support for all districts
- Support payments monitored by local CSEB



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Support Disbursement

- TA custodial parent – Effective 1/1/10, first \$200 collected per month is disbursed to the custodial parent for 2 or more children or the first \$100 collected per month for 1 child, the remainder to DSS
- Non TA custodial parent - support is disbursed to custodial parent pursuant to the court ordered obligation (ie.weekly,bi-weekly,monthly, etc.)
 - \$25.00 annual fee taken after the first \$500.00 paid in fiscal year (10/1 – 9/30)

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Enforcement

If non-custodial parent is not in compliance with provisions of order, administrative and/or judicial enforcement procedures implemented.

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Administrative Enforcement (no court involvement)

- income withholding
- property execution
- passport denial
- driver's license suspension
- referral to Dept of Taxation
- credit bureau
- lottery intercept
- tax intercept
- occupational license suspension
- personal injury claims

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Judicial Enforcement (court involvement)

Violation petition

- lump sum or additional payments
- entry of money judgment
- referral to Dept of Labor for employment
- incarceration



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How can court order be changed?

Administrative Action -

Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

- must be 2 years AND

10% deviation in Consumer
Price index (CPI)

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How can court order be changed? (cont'd)

Judicial Action:

File modification petition for:

- medical coverage
- day care costs
- education expenses
- increase in support obligation
- decrease in support

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UIFSA Unit (Uniform Interstate Family Support Act)

Establishment and enforcement
of orders through other states
and reciprocal countries.



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